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REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-13, 20, 23 and 25 have been allowed. Claims 14-19, 21-22 and 24 have been canceled to comply with the Examiner's recommendation, and new claims 26-34 have been added herein to depend upon claims indicated by the Examiner as being allowable. Further, as requested by the Examiner, the title of the invention has been changed herein to read: "SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PATTERN RECOGNITION AND METROLOGY STRUCTURE FOR AN X-INITIATIVE LAYOUT DESIGN". A version of all pending claims is found at pages 3-7. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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